The University of Cologne is one of the oldest and largest universities in Germany. With its six Faculties covering a broad spectrum of disciplines and its internationally outstanding research profile areas, it enjoys an excellent reputation for its academic achievements and high standards of undergraduate and graduate education.

This five-year W2 professorship has been enabled by the generous funding of the Alexander von Humboldt Foundation with the support of the University of Cologne. The successful applicant will work closely with AvH professor Kate Rigby in the development of the new research hub "Multidisciplinary Environmental Studies in the Humanities" (MESH). The post will be affiliated with the Dept. of Social and Cultural Anthropology.

YOUR TASKS

The successful candidate will contribute in particular to the MESH research focus on multispecies conviviality. In addition, they will help to strengthen the field of environmental anthropology within the Global South Studies Centre.

Successful applicants are expected to participate in the research and outreach activities of the University's and Faculty's profile areas. The position will be held as a research professorship, with optional teaching and supervision. In the case of non-German speakers, a willingness to acquire German language skills would be welcome, in order to facilitate full participation in all the functions the position entails, including administrative tasks.

YOUR PROFILE

Candidates are required to have an excellent PhD in Cultural/Social Anthropology as well as additional academic accomplishments, such as a habilitation thesis or equivalent ("second book" or substantial experience as a junior/associate professor or senior lecturer). An established international research profile in environmental anthropology and success with third-party funding are desirable. In addition, evidence of interdisciplinary engagement is advantageous.

OUR OFFER

The University of Cologne provides a stimulating academic environment with a wide range of career development opportunities as well as support services for dual career couples and family-friendly working conditions.

The position is available as of 1st April 2023. Formal requirements are detailed in Section 36 of the Higher Education Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Hochschulgesetz – HG NRW).

The University of Cologne is committed to equal opportunities and diversity. Women are especially encouraged to apply and will be considered preferentially in accordance with the Equal Opportunities Act of North Rhine-Westphalia (Landesgleichstellungsgesetz – LGG NRW). We also expressly welcome applications from people with disabilities / special needs or of equal status. Applications of scholars from the Global South are encouraged.

Please submit your application via the University of Cologne's Academic Job Portal (https://professorships.uni-koeln.de) by 15th October 2022. Your application should be addressed to the Dean of the Faculty of Arts and Humanities. Please submit your electronic application including the usual materials (vita, list of publications, teaching experiences, diplomas, a 2-page research proposal, and five publications relevant to the post, including PhD thesis and a second book, if applicable).



